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| <b>Title: METHOD, APPARATUS AND ARTICLE-OF-MANUFACTURE FOR THE<br/>CREATION, ISSUANCE, VALUATION/PRICING, TRADING AND<br/>EXERCISE OF OPTIONS FOR ATTENDANCE RIGHTS, AND DERIVATIVE<br/>INSTRUMENTS THEREON</b> |                 |                      |                           |
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 19, 2005**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.